

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claim 25 has been amended herein. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 14, line 1 to page 15, line 2. Claims 23 and 24 have been canceled herein. No new matter has been added.

Restriction/Election

The Office Action alleges that the claims recite three (3) distinct inventions that are directed to the modulation of the immunostimulatory effect of an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide compound. Solely in an effort to further prosecution, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group III (Claim 25) as identified in the Restriction Requirement. If Applicants amendment would further necessitate a species election, Applicants hereby elect 3'-3' linkage as the species.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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